providing a machine-readable memory store, including;

at least one integral custom-made decoding database;

at least one dynamic memory storage area, said dynamic memory storage area storing one or more editable databases, including a plurality of inventory identification codes and,

further incorporating software enabling access to said dynamic databases to allow them to be edited in order to keep them up to date, and to allow them to be queried in order to display information for said user.

5. The system for assembling, accessing and maintaining a portable personal inventory according to claim 4, wherein said controller is equipped for communication with other devices via one or more of a number of commonly used means, such as an infra-red port, a docking cradle or a wireless link

6. The system for assembling, accessing and maintaining a portable personal inventory according to claim 5, further including at least one dynamic database not associated with a barcode translation database, providing storage for data relating to a multitude of household inventory items, entered manually or by electronic means, said data consisting of identification codes representing individual items or group thereof.

ABSTRACT

A personal inventory system using a portable hand-held device that can read barcodes and communicate in human-readable form, whereby users can organize, access, edit and update information about items they own or are contemplating purchasing.

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